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Hospice and Alzheimer’s Disease

What You Need
To Know

A collaborative
symposium for family
caregivers, Area Agency
on Aging, home health,
hospice, and residential
and nursing facility staff
and volunteers who work
with persons with
dementia or hospice
programs.

May 1
2006 8am-2pm
Augusta Civic Center

Registration required by
April 21, 2006

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Introduction

Use of the Medicare hospice benefit in Maine is one of the lowest in the nation; those who use it often learn of the benefit too late to make optimal use of the services. Individuals with Alzheimer’s disease and their families represent a vastly underserved group that could benefit greatly from the palliative services provided through hospice.

Many factors influence the use of and access to hospice care, including laws, policies and regulations, attitudes and practices of health care providers, and consumer and family misunderstanding, misinformation, stigma and denial. This conference will provide information that will:

- ♦ Increase knowledge that people living with dementia and Alzheimer’s disease are entitled to and could benefit from hospice care;
- ♦ Identify barriers producing perceptions that negatively impact on acceptance of hospice by people with dementia;
- ♦ Increase understanding of hospice options as a positive influence towards end-of-life care;
- ♦ Raise awareness that professional caregivers need to educate and encourage families to advocate for hospice for their family member.

Who Should Attend

Family caregivers, Area Agency on Aging, home health, hospice, and residential and nursing facility staff and volunteers who work with persons with dementia or hospice programs.

Fee Structure

People requesting CEU: \$40
Non-CEU attendees: \$25
Family Caregivers: \$10.

A limited number of scholarships are available for family caregivers.

Agenda

8:00-8:30	Registration—coffee/continental breakfast
8:30-8:45	Welcome—Romaine M. Turyn
8:45-9:45	Bruce Jennings, MA, Director Center for Humans and Nature New York, NY
9:45-10:00	Break
10:00-10:45	Betsy Murphy, FNP, CHPN Capital Hospice, Fairfax, VA
10:45-10:50	Break
10:50-12:00	Laurel Coleman, MD Manchester, ME
12:00-12:45	Lunch
12:15-12:45	Caregiver Video
12:45-1:45	Multidisciplinary Panel Moderator: Kandyce Powell, RN, MSN Panel members: Karen Bragg; Patricia Eye, RN; Darlene Field, LSW; Janet Lewis, LSW; Sally Smith, RN, MS
1:45-2:00	Close

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Elder Independence of Maine ♦ Institute for Health Policy,
Muskie School of Public Service, USM ♦ Maine Alzheimer’s
Association ♦ Maine DHHS Office of Elder Services ♦
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on Aging ♦ The Maine Hospice Council ♦

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Faculty Presentations

Bruce Jennings, MA
Director, Center for Humans and Nature, New York, New York

“Dying with Dementia: Ethical Issues in Expanding Access to Hospice Care for Alzheimer’s Disease Patients and Families”
Will review current barriers to access for hospice and palliative care faced by Alzheimer patients; will discuss the ethical principles related to the access issue and will discuss policy changes necessary to improve conditions of hospice care for those with dementia.



Betsy Murphy, FNP, CHPN
Capital Hospice, Fairfax, Virginia

“Improving Care for Patients with Alzheimer’s/Dementia at End of Life”
This presentation will examine the available research on which patients with dementia qualify for hospice care. It will evaluate benefits and burdens of treatments at end of life. It will help healthcare professionals understand why families of dementia patients make poor decisions and how to communicate with them to improve their decision making.



Laurel Coleman, MD
Manchester, Maine

“Hospice Care and Dementia: Improved Understanding—Improved Care”
Discussion of course of illness of Alzheimer’s disease and goals of care as end stage is reached. Overview of palliative care and hospice with emphasis on challenges of the Alzheimer’s patient and opportunities for improvement in delivery of good end-of-life care to this population.

Panel Presentation

Moderator: Kandyce Powell, RN, MSN,
Executive Director, Maine Hospice Council

Stories of Success in Maine
This panel of multidisciplinary professionals will share actual experiences that illustrate the benefit of hospice services for individuals with dementia and their caregivers. The panel will also react to information provided by the three morning speakers. By bringing awareness to the successful use of hospice in different environments, participants will:

- Gain the knowledge that hospice is appropriate for persons with dementia;
- Encourage earlier conversations about end-of-life care;
- Increase the appropriate use of the Medicare hospice benefit; and
- Raise awareness that professional caregivers need to educate and encourage families to advocate for hospice for their family member.

Panel Members

Representing Family Caregivers: Karen Bragg, Senior Alzheimer’s Specialist, Elder Independence of Maine, a Division of SeniorsPlus, Bangor, Maine; Janet Lewis, LSW, Eastern Agency on Aging, Bangor Maine

Representing the Hospice Perspective: Patricia M. Eye, RN, New Hope Hospice, Inc, Eddington, Maine

Representing the Hospital/Private Practice Perspective in Rural Maine: Sally Smith, RN, MS, Gerontological Nurse Practitioner, Mount Desert Island Hospital, Bar Harbor, Maine

Representing Long Term Care: Darlene Field, BA, BSW , LSW, Alzheimer’s Association, Maine Chapter, Portland, Maine

Registration Information

Pre-registration is required and includes lunch and materials. Registrations will be confirmed by e-mail and will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis until April 21 or until the conference is full. For questions, contact Helene Dunbar at hdunbar@mcd.org or call (207) 622-7566 x 232.

Cancellation Policy

Cancellation MUST be received no later than April 21 for a full refund, less a \$15 processing fee. While substitutions are acceptable, no-shows are subject to the full fee.

Continuing Education Credit Applications

Applications have been made for the following professions: Nursing, Nursing Home Administrator, Social Work. A general certificate of attendance will be issued for those professions not included above.

This continuing nursing education activity was submitted for approval to ANA-Maine, an accredited approver by the American Nurses Credentialing Center’s Commission on Accreditation.

Overnight Accommodations

Attendees are responsible for their own accommodations. The following hotels are listed for your convenience.

- Holiday Inn, 110 Community Drive, Augusta.
Reservations: 888-465-4329.
- Senator Inn, 284 Western Avenue at I-95, Augusta.
Reservations: 877-772-2224.

Directions to the Augusta Civic Center

Augusta Civic Center: 7 Community Drive, Augusta, Maine 04330

From I-95 South: Exit 112 off I-95, right off exit.
At 1st light take right onto Community Drive

From I-95 North: Exit 112 off I-95, left off exit.
At 2nd light, turn right onto Community Drive

Accessibility

Location is wheelchair accessible. Please contact Helene Dunbar at hdunbar@mcd.org or 622-7566 x 232 in advance if you require special accessibility accommodations or a sign language interpreter.

Three Ways to Register

- Online: <https://www.mcd.org/registration/mayhospice.asp>
- Mail to: Hospice/Alzheimer’s Conference
MCD Meeting Services
11 Parkwood Drive
Augusta, Maine 04330
- Fax to: 207-622-8848 (then promptly mail with payment)

Registration Deadline: April 21, 2006

Name _____
as it should appear on certificate with degree(s)

Job Title _____

Organization _____

Work Address _____

Phone: Work _____ Home _____

Fax: _____

Email: _____

Fee Structure (check one)

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Payment

- Check \$ _____ payable to MCD enclosed
- Charge \$ _____ to _____MasterCard or _____Visa
Card Number _____
Expiration Date _____
Signature _____